

II. Objection

The Examiner objected to Claims 9 and 17 as being dependent on a rejected base claim and noted that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Inasmuch as it has been demonstrated that the rejected base claim is allowable, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objection and allow Claims 9 and 17.

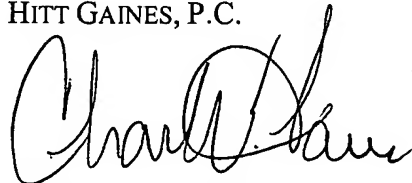
III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants now see all of the claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 8-9, 11-13, 14-17 and 19-21.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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